

Middle School Summer 2020 Reading Project

Every story contains characters that greatly contribute or play an important part to a story's plot. Characters are people or animals found in a story. Every character has specific traits that identify who they are and what role they play in the story. There are two types of character traits: external and internal. External traits are those that in detail and using adjectives, describe how a character looks. Internal traits are those that give us a more in depth look of how a character feels, thinks, or acts. Internal traits allow us to make deeper connections with the characters. For this project, you will be working with INTERNAL traits.

After reading your story, think about the following: what characteristics **can you infer** the character has, based on his/her/its/ actions, thoughts, feelings or dialogue with other character(s) throughout? Ask yourself: "What did the character feel?" "How did the character behave?" "What conversations did the character have to make them feel or think the way they did?" "What thoughts ran through the character's mind as you read the story?"

You will choose 4 characters from the story; the protagonist (the main character or characters) and the antagonist (the bad guy or girl) must be included. The other two may be secondary characters.

On ½ a poster board, in landscape mode (horizontally) write the title and the author of your book at the top. Then, you will make four columns. In each column, write the character's name, and choose a picture that represents each character based on one of the traits you chose; you may draw it and color it, or you may print it from the internet and paste it. Then, below each picture, for each character, provide me with **THREE INTERNAL character traits** for each. ****Remember that I am looking for internal traits (thoughts, actions, feelings, dialogue) Please DO NOT provide me with external traits or adjectives that describe what the characters look like. ****

Here is an example:

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By: E. B White

Charlotte	Wilbur	Fern	Templeton
			
intelligent eloquent promising	inquisitive brave sensitive	bold persistent protective	selfish arrogant rude